

Remarks

New Claim 13:

The applicant has submitted new dependent claim 13, which refers to the pivoting stand as shown in Fig. 6-8 of the application and is associated with independent claim 6. No new matter has been added. Note, the current amendment to claim 6 deleted reference to the pivoting stand.

Response to 102 Rejection:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 12 under 35 USC Sec. 102(b) in view of "Troll Touch, Advertisement for 'Laptop Touchscreen Enclosure - the Wedge'" (hereinafter "Troll Touch"). In response, the applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, and 10. No new matter has been added. Proper antecedent basis for the amendments to claims 1, 6, and 10 is shown in Applicant's Fig. 1-8.

Amendment to Claim 1:

The applicant has amended claim 1 to include:
"the casing having a first side and a second side, the first and second sides are oriented to face to each other and are non-pivoting in relation to one another;
the first side of the casing having an opening for the touch screen;

the second side of the casing being closed and lacking any openings;".

No where in the cited "Troll Touch" reference can be found (1) non-pivoting first and second sides of the casing and (2) the second side of the casing being closed and lacking any openings. As shown in the "Troll Touch" reference figure, the "first side" of the casing has an opening for the transparent touch screen, but there is no "second side" to the casing and no closed side.

Instead, there is a stand; the "first side" of the casing in the Troll Touch reference pivots in relation to the stand. Further, looking at figure, there is shown an opening on the stand as well. As a result, not every element of the currently amended claim 1 is found within the Examiner's cited prior art references.

Amendment to Claim 6:

The applicant has amended claim 6 as shown:

"the casing having a first side and a second side, the first and second sides are oriented to face to each other;
the first side of the casing having an opening for the touch screen;
the second side of the casing being closed and lacking any openings;".

The references cited by the Examiner do not teach or suggest a second side of the casing being closed and without any openings, as listed in amended claim 6.

Amendment to Claim 10:

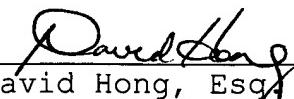
The applicant has amended claim 10 to include:

"the casing having a first side and a second side, the first and second sides are oriented to face to each other; the first side of the casing having an opening for the touch screen; the second side of the casing being closed and lacking any openings; the casing having [and] at least one outer casing surface and at least one inner casing surface;".

As presented in remarks above, nowhere in the cited references can be found: the second side of the casing being closed and lacking any openings, as listed in amended claim 10. If the independent claims 1, 6, and 10 are allowable, then any associated dependent claims should also be allowable. Based on the cited elements not being taught by the Examiner's references, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims.

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